

# PROPOSED STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RECYCLED WATER POLICY

## Salt and Nutrient Management Element from the Stakeholder Proposal

### Key Elements, Continued

- Salt/Nutrient Management Plans

- Requires salt/nutrient management plan be developed for every groundwater basin/sub-basin within 5 years of policy adoption (7 years with extensions); *Does not apply to areas that have already completed Regional Board approved salt/nutrient plans or their functional equivalents.*
- References letter to be signed by CASA, WaterReuse and ACWA committing to funding (along with other stakeholders) of locally controlled collaborative plan preparation processes (to be appended to final approved policy)
- Specifies that salt/nutrient plans shall be tailored to address water quality in each basin and may address additional constituents as appropriate. Recognizes that attainment of water quality objectives/protection of beneficial uses is best done on a basin-wide basis rather than imposing mandates solely on recycled water projects
- Plan Components – with degree of specificity and length dependent on site-specific factors
  - A network of monitoring stations, using existing wells where feasible and focusing on water quality near water supply wells and areas proximate to large water recycling water projects, with reports submitted to Regional Board at least every three years;
  - Provisions for annual monitoring of Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC's) consistent with adopted recommendation of proposed CEC expert advisory panel;
  - Water recycling and storm water recharge/reuse goals;
  - Salt/nutrient identification, assimilative capacity and loading estimates, with salt/nutrient fate and transport
  - Implementation measures to manage salt/nutrient loading
  - An anti-degradation analysis demonstrating that projects included in the plan will, collectively, satisfy the requirements of Resolution 68-16.

The information above was taken from a set of slides summarizing the stakeholder proposal for an alternative approach to crafting a statewide recycled water policy. Board staff plan to meet with the stakeholder group, which includes environmental and municipal interests throughout the state, in the next few weeks to discuss changes that may be necessary to make the stakeholder proposal consistent with Board administrative and regulatory policy. SWRCB anticipates that a final draft will be ready for public review shortly after the first of the year.

More information on the recycled water policy is available at:  
[www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_recycling\\_policy/](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/)